

**REMARKS**

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. This amendment cancels claims 1, 13, 22, and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer, amends claims 5-10, 17-20, and 25-31, and adds new claims 38-55. Support for the added claims is found generally throughout the specification, and more particularly, with reference to FIGS. 1-4 and their accompanying written description.

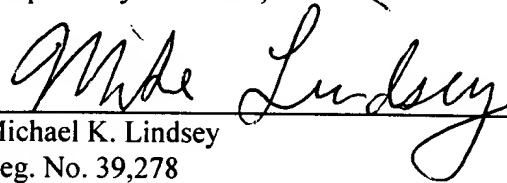
Each of the pending claims in this application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If, for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application and feels that a telephone conference would be helpful to resolve any issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the 312-595-1169.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3038/05012.0003.CNUS01.

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## APPENDIX

### VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE BY AMENDMENT

5. (Amended) A system for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claims [1, ]2, 3, or 4, wherein:

the network is the Internet.

6. (Amended) A system for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claims [1, ]2, 3, or 4, wherein the discount comprises:

a cash value discount and an expiration date.

7. (Amended) A system for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claims [1, ]2, 3, or 4, wherein:

the means for communicating the reseller and the discount to the buyer is by sending an electronic voucher to the buyer via email.

8. (Amended) A system for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claims [1, ]2, 3, or 4, wherein:

the means for communicating the reseller and the discount to the buyer is by displaying the reseller and the discount to the buyer through the website.

9. (Amended) A system for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claim[s 1 or] 2, wherein the means for selecting a reseller from a reseller database comprises:

selecting the reseller geographically located closest to the buyer based on the plurality of buyer information.

10. (Amended) A system for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claims [1, ]2, 3, or 4, wherein the plurality of buyer information comprises:

a zip code and an email address.

17. (Amended) A method for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claims [13, ]14, 15, or 16, wherein:

the reseller and the discount are communicated to the buyer by sending the buyer an electronic voucher containing the reseller and the discount via email.

18. (Amended) A method for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claims [13, ]14, 15, or 16, wherein:

the reseller selected is the reseller geographically located closest to the buyer based on the plurality of buyer information.

19. (Amended) A method for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claims [13, ]14, 15, or 16, wherein:

the reseller and the discount are communicated to the buyer by displaying the reseller and the discount on the website.

20. (Amended) A method for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claims [13, ]14, 15, or 16, comprising the additional step of:

communicating the plurality of buyer information and the discount to the reseller.

25. (Amended) A method for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claims [13, ]14, 15, 16, 22, 23, or 24, wherein:

the network is the Internet.

26. A method for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claims [13, ]14, 15, 16, [22, 23, ]or 24, wherein the discount comprises:

a cash value discount and an expiration date.

27. (Amended) A method for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claim[s 22, 23, or] 24, wherein:

the electronic voucher is received via email.

28. (Amended) A method for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claim[s 22, 23, or] 24, wherein:

the electronic voucher is viewed through the website.

29. (Amended) A method for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claims [13, ]14, 15, 16, [22, 23, ]or 24, wherein the plurality of buyer information comprises: a zip code and an email address.

30. (Amended) A method for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claim[s 22, 23, or] 24, further comprising the steps of:  
printing the electronic voucher; and  
redeeming the electronic voucher at the reseller listed on the electronic voucher for the discount listed on the electronic voucher.

31. (Amended) A method for providing electronic vouchers, as recited in claim[s 22, 23, or] 24, further comprising the steps of:  
presenting the plurality of buyer information to the reseller; and  
receiving the discount.